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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF FOREIGN- OWNED LAND

1. GOM HAS MOVED TO EXPROPRIATE FOREIGN- OWNED LAND IN MOROCCO AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY 200,000 HECTARES. BULLETIN OFFICIEL OF MARCH 7 CARRIES TEXT OF ROYAL DECREE EXPROPRIATING AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY (" PROPRIETE DES IMMEUBLES AGRICOLES OU A VOCATION AGRICOLE") OWNED BY FOREIGNERS. JOINT DECREES OF MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR, AGRICULTURE, AND FINANCE WILL SPECIFY DATES FOR TRANSFER OF POSSESSION OF EACH PROPERTY. UNTIL GOVERNMENT TAKES POSSESSION PRESENT OWNERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE PROPERTIES " EN BON PERE DE FAMILLE". OWNERS WILL BE INDEMNIFIED FOR PROPERTY IN A MANNER TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.

2. COMMENT: THIS ACTION HAS BEEN EXPECTED SINCE KING HASSAN STATED LAST SEPTEMBER THAT FOREIGN- OWNED LAND WOULD BE TAKEN OVER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SMALL MOROCCAN FARMERS. MAIN QUESTION TO BE RESOLVED IS COMPENSATION. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAY PROVIDE LOAN FOR FINANCING COMPENSATION OF FRENCH OWNERS WHO ACCOUNT FOR MOST OF FOREIGN- OWNED LAND.

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